[Shri Dharanidhar Basumatari]

is removing the tribals from their traditional habitat. It is against this shortsighted and chauvinistic policy of the AGP Government that the tribals are protesting.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): Mr. Basumatari, please conclude now.

SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Sir, only half a ...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Half-an-hour.

SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Only half-a-minute. The tribals called a bandh. All sections of the tribals joined together and called a bandh. They want half of Assam. Why not when this is the treatmen t meted out to them? (*Interruptions*) Sir, it is we who have ruled over Assam for hundreds of years. These people who are shouting were recruited by us. But now we are being uprooted from our homes and hearths. Naturally, we are up against the shortsighted policy of the Government. Not only that ... (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): Mrs. Chakravarty, please do not interrupt him. Mr. Basumatari, you should conclude now.

SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: I am concluding, Sir, only recently out of 270 posts only two tribals have been appointed as SIs of Police but not a single person has been taken from the Scheduled Castes. Why? They are flouting all the rules. AGP Government means it is the Government only for Assamese. Whosoever does not fit in with them, he is not an Assamese. Are we not Assamese? Are Bengali-speaking not Assamese? Therefore, I am warning that unless it is controlled by the Union Home Ministry, the same situation as is prevailing in Punjab is likely to arise in Assam. This is what I want to tell you.

SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Only one information.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): I am not allowing you. Yes, Mr. Satyanarayan Reddy.

Strike by Junior Engineers of CPWD

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman, I am going to bring through you to the notice of the Government an important issue of strike that is going on in the country today. The junior engineers of CPWD all over India under the banner of CPWD Junior Engineers' Association have been highlighting their just and fair grievances since 1973 but the authorities have paid a deaf ear to their grievances and demands. In view of this attitude of the authorities the CPWD junior engineers have proceeded on indefinite strike *w.e.f.* .14.7.87 to press their demands.

On 28th January, 1986, a delegation consisting of the representatives of these engineers met the hon. Prime Minister. The Prime Minister gave them a sympathetic hearing and promised that their demands will be considered. He was shocked and surprised to learn the unprecedented stagnation of junior engineers in CPWD since 1961. The Prime Minister assured that the demands if found genuine and justified, the Government shall accept them. He also asked his Secretary to look into the demands in consultation with the concerned Ministries. Accordingly, the Secretary called a meeting which was attended by the representatives of the Association, Director General of Works CPWD, Director of Administration and the Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development. In the meeting they decided: (a) enhancement of pay scales of junior en-

gineers with retrospective effect from 1973 and payment of arrears from 1978, (b) payment of fixed travelling allowances and (c) cadre review for removal of stagnation in the promotion to the post of Assistant Engineer.

It was also decided in the meeting that these decisions shall be implemented by 15th March 1986. It is surprising as well as shocking that none of the items stated above have been implemented till this date.

Under the circumstances, in pursuance of their most reasonable demands they have gone on an indefinite strike from 14-7 1987. I will mention some of their important demands.

(1) Removal of existing anomaly in pay scales with retrospective effect and minimum scale of Rs. 1640 —2900 basic.

(2) No bifurcation of the cadre of junior engineers.

(3) Immediate implementation of cadre review and personal promotion of junior engineers after 15 years of service. Under the scheme of personal promotion an employee is promoted to the next higher grade while performing his same duties.

(4) At least two promotions to all junior engineers in the entire service period.

(5) Immediate implementation of cadre review promotion through seniority-cum-fitness basis.

(6) Payment of fixed travelling allowance.

(7) Enhancement of planning special pay and design special pay.

(8) Special allowance/pay for junior engineers handling the stores.

(9) Abolition of direct Class II recruitments.

(10) Ban on Class I recruitments.

Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that they are on indefinite strike and there is great resentment among the junior engineers. I would like to request the Government of India, especially the Ministry of Urban Development, to take immediate action to meet the representatives of engineers and their demands. Especially when the Prime Minister has made them to understand that their demands will be fulfilled, the Department should take all steps to see that their demands are met and the strike ended.

श्री शान्ति त्यागी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य की बात से सहमत हूं । सरकार को कर्मचारियों के साथ बैठकर फैसला करना चाहिए ।

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी (मध्य प्रदेश) : जस्टिफाइड केस है।

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): This is quite justified.

Acute Drinking Water Shortage in Rajasthan

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Rajasthan): Sir, I rise to make a Special Mention about the acute shortage of drinking water in Rajasthan. I cannot recollect as to how many numbers of times I have had the misfortune of referring to precisely this problem. I do not have to define the problem, because if I attempt to define the problem to this Government,

या तो ये सुनेंगे नहीं, सुनेंगे तो समझेंगे नहीं और समझेंगे तो कुछ करेंगे नहीं ।

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